

MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL



2016 | ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the members of the Missouri State Rehabilitation Council, I am proud to present this summary of the Council's annual report for fiscal year 2016. Each Council member has unique experiences in advocating for the rights of our fellow Missourians whose physical or mental disabilities may pose barriers to productive employment. Through our quarterly meetings and committee deliberations, we have given our support to Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to empower individuals with disabilities and to encourage decisions that lead to greater self-sufficiency. It has been my great privilege to work with members of the Council, as well as with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation staff, all of whom are dedicated to providing our citizens with the opportunity to make choices in obtaining meaningful employment.

Sincerely,



Aimee Wehmeier, Chairperson

COUNCIL'S PURPOSE

The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) was first authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1998. Section 105 of the Act requires the state vocational rehabilitation agency to establish a council. The SRC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) regarding its performance on such issues as eligibility; the extent, scope and effectiveness of services; and any other functions affecting people with disabilities.

During FY16, the SRC was actively involved with VR in the activities below.

Provided recommendations to VR on policy revisions and rule changes

Attended and participated in VR public hearings to provide input on the combined state plan

Evaluated and provided recommendations on the effectiveness of vocational rehabilitation services and consumer satisfaction feedback

Assisted VR staff in preparing the SRC's 2016 annual report for the governor and the commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the status of vocational rehabilitation services in Missouri

Reviewed and provided recommendations to VR regarding the combined state plan's comprehensive statewide needs assessment, goals, priorities, standards and performance indicators, performance accountability measures, and comprehensive system of personnel development

VR HIGHLIGHTS



5,170 consumers with disabilities achieved successful employment outcomes.



28,366 consumers worked with VR counselors.



97% of successfully employed consumers had significant disabilities.



1,444 successfully employed consumers received supported employment services.



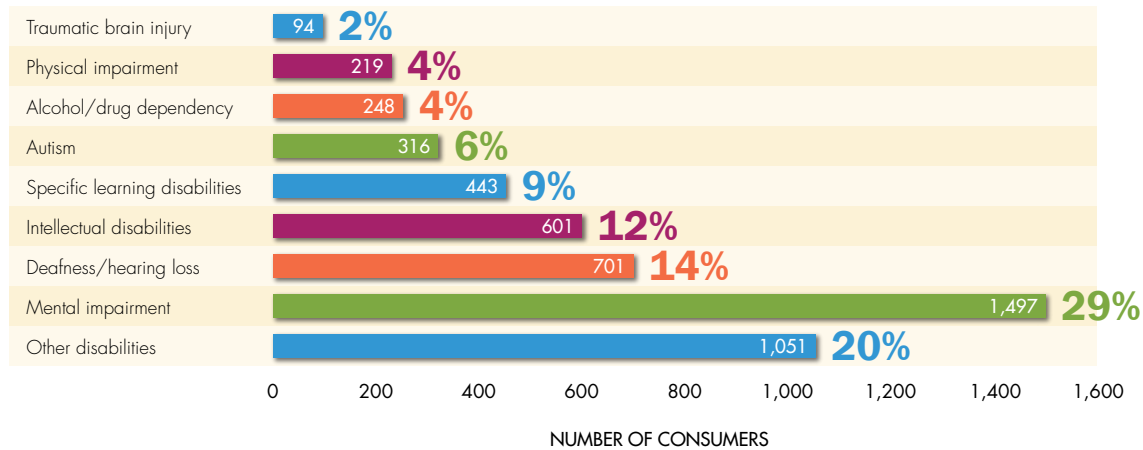
1,768 youth with disabilities reached successful employment outcomes.



\$66,066,208 was the total annual increase in income from referral to closure for 5,123 competitively employed consumers.

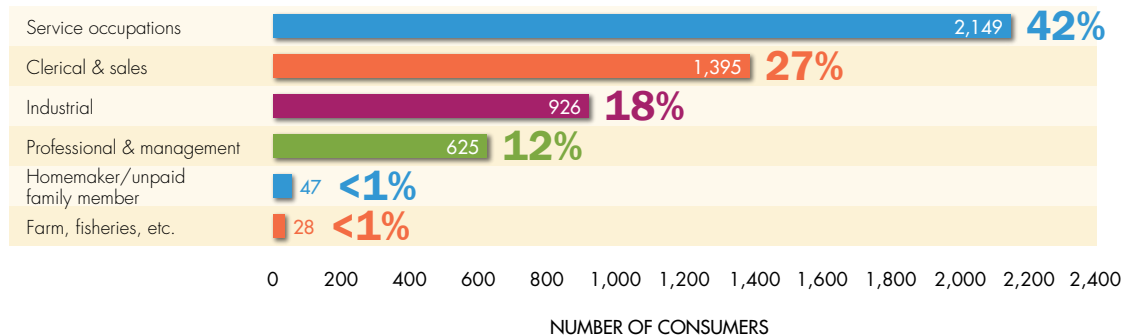
Disability Categories – 5,170 consumers with successful employment outcomes (FY16)

TYPE OF DISABILITY



Occupations – 5,170 consumers with successful employment outcomes (FY16)

OCCUPATION



Characteristics

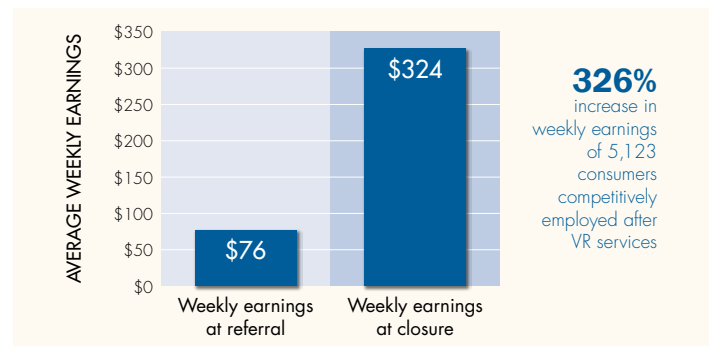
Consumers with successful employment outcomes (FY16)

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	2,922	57%
Female	2,248	43%
TOTAL	5,170	100%

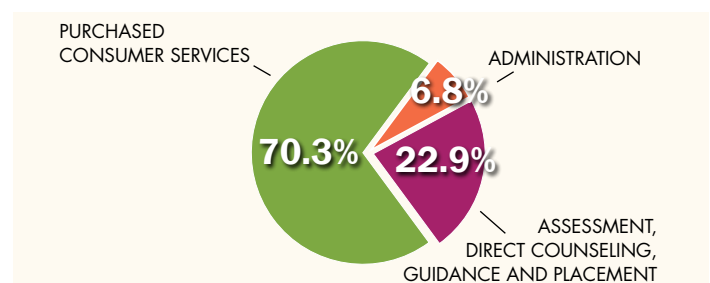
Age	Number	Percent
Less than 25 years	1,549	30%
25 – 34	1,024	20%
35 – 44	808	16%
45 – 54	917	18%
55 – 64	641	12%
65 and over	231	4%
TOTAL	5,170	100%

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White	3,904	75%
African-American	1,071	21%
American Indian	80	2%
Hispanic	73	1%
Asian	35	<1%
Pacific Islander	7	<1%
TOTAL	5,170	100%

Impact of VR Services – FY16



Expenditures – FY16



MISSION STATEMENT

Aimee Wehmeier
St. Louis
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OUR VISION

The Missouri State Rehabilitation Council envisions a society that values all of its members equally and provides opportunities so that all people are able to meet their needs, fulfill their dreams and participate in society.

OUR MISSION

To ensure that persons with disabilities have opportunities to be as productive as possible by advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided to persons with disabilities are:

- of the highest quality.
- consumer directed.
- responsive to consumer choice.
- effective.
- individualized.
- culturally specific and relevant to labor market trends.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

To work in partnership with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to achieve positive outcomes for persons with disabilities by:

- providing input on the state plan, policies and practices affecting services to persons with disabilities.
- identifying strategies to address the needs of people who are not being served or who are being underserved.
- obtaining and interpreting consumer input.
- identifying corrective action consistent with that input.
- advocating for adequate resources to ensure that the rehabilitation needs of all Missourians are met.

To support Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation in complying with applicable laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Workforce Investment Act, the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(Adopted Nov. 4, 1999)

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